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FOUNDATION YEAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRESCIA

Designed for future students who wish to join the degree programmes at the University of Brescia, the Foundation Year is a preparatory course for university education provided in Italian, which aims to bridge the gaps in the requirements for enrolment in three-year or single-cycle study programmes or to supplement gaps in education.

In accordance with the measures taken to protect public health following the COVID19 health emergency, in the academic year 2020/2021 the lessons will take place remotely in distance learning mode.

WHO IS THE PROGRAMME FOR?

The programme is aimed at:

- Italian and foreign students who are interested in improving the quality of their basic education in order to attend university successfully
- international students who have not reached the 12 years of schooling required to enroll in a degree programme in Italy, interested in improving their language skills in Italian
- students in possession of the US High School Diploma (HSD) who have not passed the three "Advanced Placements" (APs) required for enrolment in Italian universities
- students in possession of the "General Certificate of Education" (GCE) or the "International Certificate of Education" (IGCE) issued by the United Kingdom without being in possession of the 3 A-levels required for enrolment in Italian universities.

Students who pass the Foundation Year final exams:

- will meet the minimum educational and linguistic requirements for admission to university study at the University of Brescia
- international students will be exempted from the Italian language proficiency test
- for study programmes with indicative admission tests, passing the final exam of the teaching module corresponding to at least 30 CFCs of specific training is equivalent to passing the indicative admission exam.

NB: students who enroll in degree programmes with a limited number of places available must still take the admission test.

- attending the English module, will have it recognized for the English language exam if they enrol in a study programme.

The programme includes a joint part consisting of Italian language and culture lessons for students with a foreign qualification and English language lessons for students with a high school diploma obtained in Italy, as well as in-depth studies in the area of study of interest:

- Engineering and Sustainable Agricultural Systems
- Medicine
- Economics and Law



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PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- Lessons from October 2020 to June 2021
- Overall learning commitment: 600 hours = 60 CFC (Foundation Course credits)
- 240 hours reserved to the study of Italian language and culture for students with a foreign qualification and English language up to level B2 for students with an Italian qualification (24 CFC).
- 360 hours reserved for specific training (30 CFCs) and the preparation of admission tests in the economic, legal and scientific areas (6 CFCs).
- Final exams in June 2021

STUDY AREAS

- 1) Engineering and Sustainable Agricultural Systems (30 CFC)
 - Mathematics (9)
 - Physics (9)
 - Chemistry I (6)
 - Programme chosen from Chemistry II, Biology, Economics and Law, Statistics (6)
- 2) Medicine (30 CFC)
 - Chemistry I (6)
 - Chemistry II (6)
 - Biology (6)
 - Genetics (3)
 - Course chosen from Physics (9), Mathematics (9), Statistics + Ethics (6+3)
- 3) Economics and Law (30 CFC)
 - Mathematics (9)
 - Economics (6)
 - Law (6)
 - Statistics (6)
 - Ethics (3)

Students can enrol in the full preparatory programme or in individual modules.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Qualification obtained after at least eleven years of schooling, which allows the student to attend a university study programme in the country where he or she obtained it; for underage students, a legal guardian must be indicated at the time of enrolment.
- For the individual courses of the programme, the following students are also allowed to enrol:
 - those attending their last year of high school in Italy or abroad in the school year 2020/2021
 - students enrolled on three-year degree programmes at the University in the academic year 2020/2021.



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FEES

The registration fee for the Foundation Year 2020/2021 at the University of Brescia is 4,800 euros. For enrolment in individual teaching modules the fee is 80 euros for each CFC.

The fee does not include:

- Accommodation
- Transport
- Meals and drinks
- Visa costs
- Medical and travel insurance

Payment method

First instalment: 1,800 euros to be paid within ten days of receipt of the admission letter. Second instalment: 3000 euros to be paid by 30 September 2020.

For enrolment in individual modules, payment must be made upon confirmation of admission.

Cancellation and refunds

The fee paid will not be refunded, except in the event that the module does not go ahead because the minimum number of participants has not been reached.

HOW TO ENROL

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE ENTIRE COURSE

1. Submit an online enrolment application starting from 21 July till 28 August 2020
 - a. Fill in and sign the application form (download in the FAQ section "Come iscriversi")
 - b. Send it via email with the required documents listed below to both ammcentr@cert.unibs.it and foundationyear@unibs.it

2.A Students with a qualification obtained abroad must attach:

- Softcopy of Passport
- Softcopy of Original Diploma or Final Upper Secondary School Certificate, in English or Italian (please note that the original Diploma/Certificate, legalised or with "Apostille", accompanied by a Declaration of Validity issued by the Italian diplomatic representations in the territory or by a Certificate of Comparability issued by CIMEA, must be delivered to the International Students Office within the next deadline).



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2.B Students with an Italian secondary school diploma must attach:

- Softcopy of Identity card

Successful candidates will receive an admission confirmation by e-mail within four weeks of submission of the application.

Non-EU candidates residing abroad who will be admitted to the Foundation Year will be required to present the letter of admission to the Italian diplomatic representation of the country of origin in order to obtain a study visa (for the Foundation Year it is not necessary to pre-register at the Embassy). They will be able to attend the lessons remotely even if they are awaiting the issue of a student visa.

HOW TO APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL COURSES

It is possible to apply for enrolment by September 30, 2020 for the Italian and English courses, and for the specific training courses.

Candidates should follow the same indications given for submitting enrolment request for the entire course.

ATTENDANCE

For the issue of the final certification or the certificate confirming passing the test of the individual teaching modules, in addition to passing the respective exams, attendance to at least 70% of the lessons is required.

ACCOMMODATION

Students can make use of UNIBS Student Housing, the orientation and support service for finding private housing, which allows them to consult house listings in Brescia through the web platform cercoalloggio.com.

CONTACT US

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